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Client Ref: SF2001-014-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**ROBERT H. EDWARDS, ELIZABETH E.
BELLOCCHIO, ROBERT T. FREMEAU, JR.,
and RICHARD J. REIMER**

Application No.: 09/915,181

Filed: 07/24/2001

For: **NOVEL GLUTAMATE
TRANSPORTERS**

Examiner: Ram R. Shukla

Art Unit: 1632

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.